

### U.S. ARMY LEGAL SERVICES AGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL LAW DIVISION



Halting a Dig: What To Do Upon an **Inadvertent Discovery of** Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Iten

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#### I Dug Up a Skelton, What





- 1. Stop digging
- 2. Telephonically notify installation commander
- 3. DCON follow up in writing
- 4. 3 day CCON by commander, secure site ASAP





#### **Before Digging May Resume...**



5. C must wait at least 30 days after CCON RSVP and after Inchestately telephoned Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian orgs that are affiliated with items, occupied area, or have Bultural segmestion to items c. Initiated consultation



- d. Recovered and protected discovered items/remains
- e. Notified NPSDCA of intent to repatriate



## **Before Digging May Resume** (Continued)



- f. NPSDCA publishes Fed Reg repatriation notice, 30 days min wait
- wait g. Repatriation made within 90 days of request that satisfies criteria
- h. Multi-tribal disputes resolution criteria
- i. Scientific study, get permit
- 6. Installation Commander must complete action and consultation on a "government to government" basis









# Question 3